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\$30,000 Settlement Reached with United Agri Products

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a settlement with United Agri Products (UAP), for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 2415 Clark Road in the City of Imperial, Imperial County.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed in October 2004, UAP will pay a total of \$30,000, of which \$15,000 is a penalty, \$3,000 is for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC, and \$12,000 is a contribution towards a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). Under the SEP, UAP will pay the Agricultural Recycling Council \$12,000 within 30 days of the effective date of the Order.

The Order settles violations observed by DTSC inspectors during inspections at the UAP facility in October 2003 and July 2004. Violations noted were:

- Two disposals of hazardous waste to the ground
- Storing contaminated soils, containing fertilizer with a pH of less than two, in a plastic bag for an unspecified period of time
- Failing to provide required written responses regarding identified violations

UAP has corrected the violations noted during the inspection.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.